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**Bradford Resident Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charges**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Richard E. Hurd, Jr.**, 39, of Bradford, Maine, was sentenced on October 31, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Bangor to 100 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Hurd pled guilty on January 24, 2006 to Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

Court records reveal that on January 31, 2005, Hurd was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. While being processed at the Penobscot County Jail following his arrest, Hurd was found to have 6 rounds of .357 magnum ammunition, and one spent round, in his jacket pocket. Hurd was a previously convicted felon and, as such, was prohibited from possessing ammunition.

This case was a part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. That initiative coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and the Eastern Maine Violent Crime Task Force. Attorney Silsby also praised the assistance provided by the Brewer Police Department in the prosecution of the case.

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